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SUBJECT:CHIEF MINISTER MANCHAM'S DISCUSSIONS WITH US  
OFFICIALS

1. CHIEF MINISTER JAMES MANCHAM OF THE SEYCHELLES ARRIVED  
IN WASHINGTON MAY 4 TO BEGIN A 30 (INCREASED FROM THE  
PLANNED 21) DAY VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES AS AN INTER-  
NATIONAL VISITOR GRANTEE. THE MAJOR PURPOSE OF THE VISIT  
WAS TO DISCUSS WITH WASHINGTON OFFICIALS U.S.-  
SEYCHELLES RELATIONS AFTER INDEPENDENCE. MANCHAM MET  
WITH OFFICIALS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE,  
AID, PEACE CORPS, EXPORT-IMPORT BANK AND WORLD BANK.  
AFTER HIS MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON MANCHAM IS VISITING NEW  
YORK, HAWAII AND CALIFORNIA.

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2. DURING HIS MEETINGS WITH DEPARTMENT AND DOD OFFICIALS MANCHAM SAID THAT HE IS NOT AGAINST THE PRESENCE OF THE AIR FORCE TRACKING STATION ON MAHE; BUT, GIVEN THE POLITICS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA, THE STATION IS A LIABILITY AND MANCHAM CAN SUPPORT ITS STAYING ON AFTER INDEPENDENCE ONLY IF USG PROVIDES MORE ASSISTANCE TO THE SEYCHELLES. MANCHAM SAID THAT HE URGENTLY NEEDED AND WANTED TO CREATE A NEW PARAMILITARY UNIT WITHIN THE POLICE AND THAT HE HOPED THE USG COULD HELP BY PROVIDING EQUIPMENT AND BARRACKS AND

BY FINANCING THEIR TRAINING AND SALARIES. PRESENT POLICE FORCE, HE ADDED, WAS TOTALLY INADEQUATE TO PREVENT A TAKE-OVER OF THE GOVERNMENT BY FORCE. MANCHAM WAS TOLD THAT FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT PROHIBITS ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN POLICE FORCES AS OF JUNE 30, 1975. MANCHAM REPLIED THAT THE USG COULD PROVIDE NECESSARY FUNDS TO SEYCHELLES GOVERNMENT WHICH COULD THEN CREATE THE PARAMILITARY UNIT AND OBTAIN TRAINING ELSEWHERE. MANCHAM WAS URGED TO PROVIDE DEPARTMENT MORE PRECISE ESTIMATE OF HELP HE WOULD LIKE THE U.S. TO PROVIDE.

3. ON QUESTION OF THE THREE ISLANDS WHICH WERE ORIGINALLY PART OF THE SEYCHELLES BUT WERE SPLIT OFF TO FORM PART OF THE BIOT, MANCHAM SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT SINCE THE ISLANDS WERE NOT BEING USED THEY MIGHT BE RETURNED TO SEYCHELLES. ANOTHER POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE MIGHT BE FOR THE SEYCHELLES TO HAVE TOURISM, MINERAL AND FISHING RIGHTS ON THEM. MANCHAM SAID HE RAISED THE FUTURE OF THESE ISLANDS WITH THE BRITISH, WHO STATED THEY WERE READY TO RETURN THEM, BUT THAT FINAL DECISION DEPENDENT ON APPROVAL BY AMERICANS. THE CHIEF MINISTER ADDED THAT SETTLEMENT OF THIS ISSUE WOULD GREATLY SIMPLIFY HIS POLITICAL PROBLEMS.

4. AMERICAN OFFICIALS TOLD MANCHAM THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD THE PROBLEMS HE FACES AND WILL GIVE VERY REAL CONSIDERATION TO HIS NEEDS. WE WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH HIM LATER, BUT HOPED TO HEAR FURTHER FROM HIM IN THE INTERIM. WHILE STUDYING THE PROBLEM, THE U.S. WILL KEEP IN MIND HIS FRIENDSHIP AND HIS COMMITMENT TO US AND WEST. KISSINGER

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